

were opposed to our selling, and for very good reasons, while our only good reason for selling was that we had not the money to pay for it.

How have we fared on those separate heads? The first amount we raised, partly by a collection at the Annual Meeting, and partly by each Member of the Committee undertaking to collect \$50; by these means we not only got the special sum needed, but as much more as paid for the additional eight or ten boys added to our list during the year. Our ordinary revenue also came in with its usual regularity, thanks to E. D. Meynell, Esq., who, for love of the cause, goes through the terrible drudgery of collecting subscriptions. We'll let any of our subscribers off from paying his amount if he will undertake this duty—and do it as well.

Of the next two sums that we needed, amounting to \$1,800, we have received only \$600, viz: a legacy of \$100 from the late S. N. Binney; a legacy of \$200 from the late M. B. Almon; \$267 from a lecture by Captain Duncan, R. A., and two lectures by John Boyd, of St. John, who deserves our special gratitude, not only because of the success of his lectures, but also because of the interest manifested by him in the School at a time when he was absorbed in important public work; and \$25 from our old friend Major De Haviland. As we did not receive the remaining \$1,200, and could not do without it, we frankly confess that we spent the greater part of it, and so are in debt. We did not build a new barn, however, but, at a cost of \$50, hauled the old one up from the front lot to its proper place at the back of the new home. Indeed we had to do this or sell it to be carried away, for it could not remain on its old site, as it prevented our making a good broad road—or as some of our aspiring Members term it—a carriage drive, from the Quinpool Road to our premises. We have put in the gasoline and find that it works admirably, though the improvement is an expensive one—about \$600. Still it was needed. The only instruction the boys receive is in their night school, and they must have good light. And now that it is in, the annual cost will be less than by any of our old-fashioned ways of lighting up so large a building. Then, as to improvements on the place, we simply had to make them, or it would have looked like the farm of the sluggard and the sloven, and have disgusted not only the boys but every friend who visited it. And we shall have to do quite as much more this year to make the place look at all 'ship-shape.' We believe that those improvements are not only necessary, but that as a speculation they will pay. We expect to be able to supply the Institution soon with all the vegetables required, and to sell a

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